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Identical letters dated 19 August 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that Israeli occupying forces persist in violating the sovereignty of Lebanon and continue not to comply with all relevant international resolutions, including Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). This is most clearly demonstrated by what those forces are doing in the occupied Lebanese part of Ghajar town and the Shab'a Farms.

In Ghajar, the occupying forces are imposing new regulations and laws in the occupied part of the town and on its inhabitants that compel them to pay taxes. Meanwhile, they are building colonial settlement blocks.

In the occupied Shab'a Farms, the occupying forces have begun to build roads and infrastructure.

I should like to reiterate that my Government honours its commitments under international resolutions. On behalf of my Government, I call on the Security Council to condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms and compel Israel to bring an end to its violations of Lebanese sovereignty by air, sea and land, and fulfil all of its obligations under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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